GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:595
ANSWERED ON:07.05.2002
SOCIO-ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR KASHMIR
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have evolved a new Kashmir strategy including a socio-economic package to prevent the youths joining militancy in the State;

(b) if so, the details of the socio-economic package contemplated; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI .CH VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE ANSWER TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.595 FOR ANSWER ON 07.05.2002 REGARDING SOCIO-ECONOMIC PACKAGE FOR KASHMIR

(a) to (c): The Central Government conjointly with the State Government of J&K has been pursuing a multi-pronged strategy to bring peace and normalcy to the State of Jammu and Kashmir and strengthen the process of overall development. The three major prongs of this strategy are:

(i) Proactive tackling of cross border terrorism within J&K;

(ii) Accelerating economic development of the State; and

(iii) Being prepared to talk with any group of people within the State who eschew the path of violence and who may have any legitimate grievances.

Necessary refinements are made in the strategy, as per requirements, from time to time. On the socio-economic front, various measures including development schemes are taken up in coordination between various Central Ministries and the State Government of J&K. In this on-going process, the Government has recently approved a Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion sponsored `new industrial Policy and other concessions for the State of J&K` to promote speedy industrialization of the State.